



Here is what I uncovered within the census data for the years 1980, 1990, and 2000:

	1980	1990	2000
Total population in Arkansas:	2,286,435	2,350,725	2,673,400
Total number of Hispanics	17,904	19,876	86,866
Proportion of the population	.783%	.846%	3.249%

The increase in the number of Hispanics between the years 1980 and 1990 was only eleven percent; but there was an increase of 337% between the years 1990 and 2000. These data confirmed my casual and informal observations. We, Hispanics, had increased our numbers!

Since my curiosity was awakened already, I decided to determine the origin of the members of the Hispanic population in Arkansas. I discovered that the statistics included four divisions regarding individual origins; those from Mexico, from Puerto Rico, from Cuba, and from all other countries of Spanish culture.

Hispanics in Arkansas-1980

